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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	UCAL096CIP3 9705
	First Named Inventor	R.W. Mahley
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	Group Art Unit	1617
	Examiner Name	S.A. Jiang
	Title	<i>Compounds effecting neuron remodeling and assays for same</i>

Sir:

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the final Office Action dated December 31, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before March 31, 2004. *A Petition for a one-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before April 31, 2004.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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